Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Menno was founded by a group of hardworking immigrants of Christian background who settled in the Dakota Territory; and,

Whereas, The Chicago, Milwaukee, and Saint Paul Railroad developed a train stop in the Menno area and brought commerce to these immigrants; and,

Whereas, Twenty-two of these immigrants withstood the social and economic hardships and founded the community of Menno in 1879; and,

Whereas, The community of Menno, 125 years later, has 729 citizens who are proud of the founders and their heritage; and,

Whereas, On July 3, 2004, Menno will celebrate its 125th anniversary:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 3, 2004, as

MENNO QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State